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Hon. Walter Scott has made a direct charge to the effect that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company is taking an active part in the present election campaign in Saskatchewan in support of Mr. Haultain.

Second Vice-President, Wm. Whyte has denied the charge, and in order that the people of the Province may judge for themselves between Mr. Scott and the C.P.R. Co., the following statement of facts is issued:—

### MR. SCOTT'S CHARGE.

Speaking at Rosthern early in November, Mr. Scott said:

"After Mr. Haultain himself failed to induce Mr. Benoit, C.P.R. agent, and a French Catholic Liberal, a man who himself heartily assents to my stand as to schools, to run for him in French Catholic Batoche, C. P. R. Superintendent Brownlee, of Moose Jaw, was sent up by the Company and overcame Mr. Benoit's scruples. How? I state it because Mr. Benoit has said it to Liberal friends of his in Prince Albert, that the Company got him to run by promising to keep his salary going, not only through the campaign, through sessions, if he be elected, but as long as he lives afterwards, and in addition to put up for him all the money that can be used in any way to secure his election in Batoche.

"Why is the C.P.R. corporation out for Haultain? Is it in the public interest? Is it to help on competing railways for you? Is it to promote the speedy building of the Grand Trunk Pacific? Is it to help to remove the burden of C.P.R. tax exemptions? These are vital questions for you. Look over the records ever since the C.P.R. Company was created down to the last session, look over the speeches I made and the votes I cast in Par-

liament in five sessions on railway questions, and you will have the answer."

### THE C.P.R.'S DEFENCE.

In reply to this charge against the C.P.R. Company, Second Vice-President Whyte gave an interview to the Winnipeg Free Press on November 7 in the course of which he said:

"The Canadian Pacific Railway Company has always remained perfectly neutral in election contests, and the instructions issued to all superintendents has always been to treat both parties with fairness. This has always been our constant policy in the past, and is the policy of the Company in the contests now pending.

"In regard to the candidacy of Mr. Benoit, our agent in Batoche, I may say that Mr. Haultain made application to me in the matter, and I made an unequivocal reply. I stated that no employee of the company could enter politics. If Mr. Benoit did so, he must resign. If he did resign and wished to return to the service, he must take his chances. This is all I know of the matter.

"When I saw the reference to this subject in the Free Press, and the statements made there, I asked Mr. Bury to wire to Superintendent Brownlee at Regina regarding the matter. From Mr. Brownlee we learned that Mr. Benoit had sent the following telegram to Walter Scott:

"I understand you stated at Rosthern that if I accepted nomination at Batoche I had informed some persons that my position would be held open, and my salary continued by the railway. I beg to inform you that I never made such a statement, and have no grounds whatever to make it. C. P. R. officials told me if I sought political honor I had to sever my connection with railway company. I will write particulars to-night."

"When I was in Regina recently," continued Mr. Whyte, "I met the Hon. W. H. Cushing, minister of public works in the Alberta cabinet. He asked me what the attitude of the Company would be in the campaign. I replied that we would be perfectly neutral. Mr. Cushing subsequently wrote me regarding the matter, and in reply I wired to him, and also to Superintendent Jamieson, at Calgary. I advised Superintendent Jamieson that strict impartiality must be shown during the campaign, and that on election day no discrimination must be made in favor of either party in the sending out of men. A certain number of men will be out on the line on election day, and the object of the order is to prevent the sending out of an undue proportion of the friends of one party, to its detriment.

"In the case of Benoit, it is shown by the telegram from him that the allegations in this regard are wholly untrue. Regarding the general attitude of the Company in the last election, we have personal statements of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Hon. Clifford Sifton. In the pending elections in Alberta and Saskatchewan, I have personally given orders that nothing shall be done by any official of the company in any official capacity which could be construed as a favor on the part of the company to either the Conservative or the Liberal party. We will remain absolutely neutral in this contest, favoring neither party in the slightest degree. It is only a matter of justice that the position of the company in this regard should be recognized and that it should be made known that no action of any kind will be taken by this company in favor of either party."

#### MR. SCOTT IN REBUTTAL.

Mr. Scott replied to this statement of Mr. Whyte's by an interview given to the Regina correspondent of the Winnipeg Free Press, on November 10th, as follows:

"Asked as to whether he had anything further to say respecting the Benoit-Batoche incident, or with regard to the statement on the subject made by Second Vice-President Whyte, Mr. Scott replied:

"Just this, that portions of Mr. Whyte's statement go to confirm the report given out by Mr. Benoit himself that it was C.P.R. influence that overcame his reluctance as a French Catholic Liberal to stand as the candidate of the man whose whole plea in this contest is intended to excite pre-

judice against Roman Catholics and Quebec. Mr. Whyte says that Mr. Haultain had approached the Company in connection with Mr. Benoit, and Superintendent Brownlee's immediate ability to furnish Mr. Whyte with Benoit's telegram to me goes to strengthen my suspicion that Brownlee had more to do with framing the message than had Benoit. I have already let the Free Press have a copy of my reply to Benoit's telegram, which was carefully framed to deny nothing material.

"I would like you to say for me" continued Mr. Scott, "that I believe Mr. Whyte to be wholly sincere in his desire that the company shall be neutral as between the parties. So far as he controls I have every reason to think that the scales are held even. I have never made any secret of my high opinion of Mr. Whyte as a man and as a railway official of the first rank, nor of my belief that if Mr. Whyte had had full control of the C.P.R. policy in the West many of our acute transportation difficulties of recent years would have been avoided. But my implicit confidence in Mr. Whyte's desire that the C.P.R. shall remain neutral cannot make me disbelieve facts of which I possess positive knowledge. Why, it is even a notorious fact that last year the C.P.R. worked against us in West Assinibola. Superintendent Brownlee at Moose Jaw, and Superintendent Cameron at Medicine Hat, had train men and other employees on the carpet in their offices directing them to vote for my opponent. To the full extent that it could be done in spite of Mr. Whyte's own attitude, the railway was used against me, and if my pretty authentic information is not mistaken the divisional superintendent in West Assinibola received orders to work against me from Montreal through the Winnipeg office of Osler, Hammond & Nanton.

"But there are other effective ways of helping a party besides using a railway. If given opportunity before any proper tribunal I am satisfied that I can prove that thousands of dollars were sent into West Assinibola a year ago to help defeat me, one batch of \$5,000 being brought at one time by a prominent official connected with the company.

"Understand that I am not complaining. In parliament I frequently found it necessary to either neglect my public duty or oppose the C.P.R. In 1908, with no intention in the world of offending Director Osler, I inadvertently did so in relation to the C. & E. and Prince Albert branch deals. In turn he made a personal attack upon me, and I then certainly did take off the gloves and

hand him a few compliments across the floor of the House, perhaps in a way which a common person ought not to do towards a great financier and C.P.R. magnate. I did not complain last year and do not complain now against their opposition. All I say is that the public ought to be made aware of the real position of affairs. If the public want a party in power that does the bidding of the C.P.R. corporation on all occasions—as witness Borden's proposal in 1903, and the V. V. & E. fight in the railway committee last session, not to mention the unanimous voice of the Tory party press only a few weeks ago on the issue of the Grand Trunk Pacific location—and for whom in turn the corporation furnished substantial aid in elections, well and good. Financially and otherwise it would be better for me had I never gone to Ottawa, and to be permitted now to have freedom to look after my own affairs. It is not my interest, but the public interest that is at stake, and I esteem it my duty to the public to let them have any information at my disposal to enable them to decide intelligently between the parties.

#### THE CHARGE REPEATED.

"What I said at Rosthern about Mr. Benoit was based upon information I possessed for weeks past, to the effect that Mr. Haultain was pressing him to run in Batoche and that Mr. Benoit, as a French Catholic Liberal was refusing; and upon information given me at Prince Albert on November 2 from several distant sources to the effect that it was immediately after a visit by Superintendent Brownlee to Prince Albert a few days earlier that Mr. Benoit announced his candidature and told his Liberal friends he was induced to do so by promises from the company as I related at Rosthern. Mr. Benoit's telegram denies no material portion of the accusation. Mr. Whyte himself admits that he knows nothing about the incident. If Mr. Whyte will take the trouble to go to Prince Albert and interview some persons whose names I shall be pleased to give him in confidence he can speedily learn for himself whether Mr. Benoit did tell to friends what he is reported to have told and what I have related at Rosthern as having been told by him.

"Let me repeat," said Mr. Scott, in conclusion, "that in Mr. Whyte's sincerity and good faith I have every confidence. I imagine that Sir Thomas Shaughnessy and Mr. Osler have never tried to use him as their political agent. But surely Mr. Whyte is not ignorant of the fact that Sir Thomas and Mr.

Osler have their political agents. He knows that two and two when added together make four... Mr. Benoit is a French Catholic Liberal; also C.P.R. station agent. Mr. Benoit does not naturally lean towards the fake provincial rights party. Superintendent Brownlee visits him at Prince Albert. He comes out as a provincial rights candidate. It needs no erudite psychologist to draw an inference, even without the excuse for his action advanced by Mr. Benoit to his Liberal friends in Prince Albert. I have never acted towards the C.P.R. with any spirit of animosity. When I opposed their propositions at Ottawa it was always merely by way of doing my public duty. But when I positively know that the C.P.R. are actively in this fight against me, I really think that I shall have to exercise liberty to make the fact public."

#### PERTINENT QUESTIONS TO BENOIT.

In the above interview Mr. Scott refers to the letter sent by him to Mr. E. P. Benoit in reply to Mr. Benoit's telegram to him (Scott) denying the statements made at Rosthern. That letter was as follows:

E. P. Benoit, Esq., Prince Albert.

Sir: You have telegraphed me that the statement that the C.P.R. Co. is to keep your position open for you while you make a campaign as a Provincial Rights candidate in Batoche is untrue, and that on the contrary the company advise you that if you seek political honors you must sever your relations with them. At all events a telegram has reached me to the above effect with your name attached.

Your message contradicts nothing that I have heard and touches none of the information reported to me respecting you. That you would make a pretended resignation of your position with the company went without saying. Any tyro would take that precaution to cover the track, and nobody suspects the C.P.R. Co. of lack of common intelligence. Your message does not deny that it was the C.P.R. Co., as your employers, who prevailed upon you to become a candidate after Mr. Haultain had failed personally to induce you to do so; nor that you have told friends that the Company is to continue your salary and furnish all the money you find that you can use in Batoche to win the election.

I have to say that I have heard time and again from many persons, beginning as long as five or six weeks ago, that Mr. Haultain was pressing you

to become his candidate in Batoche, and that you were refusing for the reason that you were not in favor of his actions and attitude, particularly on the educational question; in other words, you believed that Saskatchewan has not been deprived of any provincial right, as regards education, to which the Province is entitled, under the Canadian constitution. Is this true or untrue?

I am informed that C.P.R. Superintendent Brownlee visited you at Prince Albert towards the end of October, and that it was immediately subsequent to his visit that you announced your consent to run in Batoche. Is this true or untrue?

I have been informed by not one person, but by several persons, whose names will be forthcoming if and when necessary, that to them you pleaded in excuse of your action—as a French Roman Catholic Liberal who does not believe that Saskatchewan is deprived of any constitutional right—in becoming a candidate of the Provincial Rights party whose sole reason for existence is the contention that the Province is robbed of its educational rights, that you were acting according to the wishes of the C.P.R. Co., whose agent you were, and who had assured you that your consent would mean financial profit to you now and hereafter. This information came to me from several different, distinct and independent sources. If it is not true information, then your action in consenting to be a Provincial Rights candidate requires some other explanation. You are a French Canadian Roman Catholic and have always been known as a Liberal. You have all along expressed yourself as quite in favor of the educational constitution granted to Saskatchewan and in harmony with the policy of the Saskatchewan Provincial Liberal party. Holding these views, how do you justify your coming out in support of Mr. Haultain, who is using an appeal to ultra-Protestant prejudice against Roman Catholic separate schools as his main weapon in this contest? You know, of course, that to Protestants everywhere Mr. Haultain and his canvassers are charging that Roman Catholic influence fixed the Autonomy Acts, and that to conspiracy by Quebec and the hierarchy I am indebted for the position I hold. You know, of course, that he took part in the Oxford and London campaign last June which was directed avowedly against "Laurier, Sbarretti and the hierarchy," in which the canvass was plainly "Are you voting for the Pope or King Edward?" and during which from the platform

Mr. Haultain himself used these words:

"I claim, I charge, that it was a deliberate conspiracy between Sir Wilfrid Laurier, certain members of the cabinet, Sbarretti, the authorities of the Roman Catholic church and the Province of Quebec."

Your action as a French Roman Catholic Liberal is so extraordinary as to seem incapable of explanation in any way other than by the plea, which, as already stated, I was told that you had advanced not to one, but several friends, not only in Prince Albert but elsewhere, namely, that the C.P.R. Company had presented the matter to you in such a way as to induce you to consent to run.

Together with the electors not alone of Batoche, but of the entire Province. —because the relations of a corporation like the C.P.R. Co. with a political party are of vital concern to all—I shall be pleased to hear your fuller justification of your position as a Provincial Rights candidate. The party you have allied yourself with condemn Section 17 of the Saskatchewan Act. Do you condemn it, and if so, why? Is it true, as you have told to several friends, that Mr. Haultain gives you freedom to stand in favor of Section 17, or to do anything else you like on the educational question and that he assures you that he has no intention of injuring separate schools if put in power? Are you standing in Batoche as a supporter of separate schools or as being in favor of Mr. Haultain's test case with the pretended object of wiping out separate schools? A full and frank statement from you of your reasons for believing that the Autonomy Act should be condemned and the Liberal party defeated in Saskatchewan—apart from the reason which causes the C.P.R. Co. to lean in these directions—will be interesting to me and equally so to the whole Province.

Yours truly,

WALTER SCOTT.

Regina, Nov. 9, 1905.

The above constitutes the charge made by Mr. Scott, and sets forth the answer thereto made by Second Vice-President Whyte and Stationmaster Benoit, of the C.P.R.

#### DID THE C.P.R. REMAIN NEUTRAL?

In his interview Mr. Whyte says he gave explicit instructions that neutrality be observed in Alberta. Were his instructions obeyed? The following Alberta dispatches contain the answer:

BANFF, Alta., Nov. 10.—Bankhead poll, where the C.P.R. coal mines are located, gives Brett, Conservative, 93; Fisher, Liberal, 19; majority for Brett, 74.

MACLEOD Alta., Nov. 11.—In only one poll in the riding of Macleod does the Conservative candidate get a majority—and that is the poll located at the C.P.R. station, which included none but C.P.R. employees.

BANFF, Alta., Nov. 14.—The court of revision on the disputed ballots in Banff constituency opened to-day. There were 63 votes challenged at Bankhead poll, where the C.P.R. mines are located. At the opening of the court to-day, Mr. Stockett, manager of the C.P.R. Coal Company, was served with subpoena to appear with the books of the company to enable the court to see when each challenged voter came to Bankhead. Mr. Stockett demurred, saying he would wire Calgary for orders in the matter. The court did not see what the Calgary office of the C.P.R. had to do with the case and sent a constable to bring the books, or failing that to arrest General Manager Stockett. Like the coon, the answer was "Do not shoot, I'll come down." With the books before the court it was not hard to discover how long each voter had been in the Company's employ and that in most cases was all that was needed, as in nearly every case the men have come direct to Bankhead from places outside the Territories.

#### PARTIZAN OFFICIALS.

CALGARY, Alta., Nov. 14.—Additional information is coming in hourly of the fact that C.P.R. officials in this city violated the instructions that William Whyte, Second Vice-President of the C.P.R., gave regarding neutrality in the elections. C.P.R. officials in past years have worked in elections, but in those days there were no instructions issued upon neutrality as there were this year.

The most pronounced offender in this respect was J. S. Dennis, assistant to the Second Vice-President. During the two or three days previous to the election this official made his headquarters at Bennett's committee rooms. On election day he was scrutineer for Mr. Bennett at one of the most difficult polls. During the afternoon he started the only disturbance created during the day. In the poll in which he was scrutineer a man marked his ballot on the wrong side, thus

exposing his vote to all present. The returning officer declined to give him another ballot as the man had exposed his vote. Dennis and another scrutineer got up and refused to allow the poll to go on until the vote was cast into the box or another ballot furnished this Bennett supporter. The police were finally sent for and after some commotion a compromise was arrived at.

William Pearce, of the C.P.R. Irrigation Department, acted as agent for John Hayes, Conservative candidate in Gleichen.

Wm. Tools, of the C.P.R. Lands Department, acted as scrutineer for Bennett at another poll.

But this was not as serious an interference with the right of electors as was the wholesale depriving of men of their franchise. Liberals, who in the ordinary course of events, should have laid over in Calgary, were shipped out of town to take the place of Conservatives who were due to run out of town on that day, but who were kept in to vote for Bennett. It is estimated that in this way alone the Liberal candidate lost at least 60 votes.

The people of Calgary are anxious to know if the telegrams that Mr. Whyte sent to Mr. Cushing, promising that officials should be neutral and to employees insisting on their neutrality, was a joke, or if the officials of Calgary wilfully violated the orders given.

#### LIBERAL TRAIN CREWS DIS-FRANCHISED.

CALGARY, Alta., Nov. 15.—Not content with permitting their officials to take an active part in the recent elections the C.P.R. adopted the most unfair tactics of disfranchising a large number of their employees. Here is one instance, and is a sample of the way it was done. Douglas McNeill and crew, all Conservatives, were due to leave for the north on the passenger on Thursday morning. Mr. Tennant and crew, all Liberals, were due to lay off in Calgary on that day. At the last moment the order was changed, and McNeill and his party were given orders to stop over in Calgary, while Tennant and crew were sent north. This is but one instance and there are very many. It is estimated that had the C.P.R. taken no part in the elections, that the Liberal candidate in Calgary would have had 75 more votes.

While not for a moment questioning Mr. Whyte's statement that neutrality instructions were issued by him—it is generally admitted that such instructions

tions were sent out by Mr. Whyte—the question may well be asked in the light of the above disclosures, "Of what effect were they?" Mr. J. S. Dennis is Assistant to Second Vice-President Whyte, yet he paid no more attention to his superior officer's instructions than he would to the faintest wind that blows.

The truth is that C.P.R. officials are acting a partisan part in the face of Mr. Whyte's instructions to the contrary, because they are taking other instructions from higher C.P.R. officials than even Mr. Whyte.

Mr. Whyte's instructions were that train crews should be sent out as far as possible evenly divided between the parties, but what was actually done is well illustrated in the Calgary dispatch quoted above.

Such instructions are a farce and a mere blind.

Mr. Whyte further declares that a C.P.R. employee must resign from the C.P.R. service if he enters politics and take his chances later.

In Saskatchewan, two C.P.R. employees are in the field, as Haultain candidates, John Wellington, engineer, in Moose Jaw City, and E. P. Benoit, stationmaster, in Batoche.

Have they resigned, and if so, on what respective dates?

#### OTHER SIGNIFICANT FACTS.

In his Official Letter of Protest to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Haultain raised strong objection to the location of the boundary line between Alberta and Saskatchewan, and contended that it should have been placed "at least 75 miles farther east," which would have had the effect of putting over 35,000,000 acres of what is to-day Saskatchewan territory into Alberta. Mr. Haultain declared this to be "most important." But he did not even mention the C.P.R. tax exemptions feature, leaving it aside as, what he termed a "minor matter." Walter Scott and the Liberals are pledged to secure the absolute removal of these exemptions, while Mr. Haultain and the Provincial Rights merely ask that the exclusive burden be transferred from the province to the Dominion.

#### WHICH POLICY IS THE C.P.R. POLICY?

Mr. Scott and the Liberals declare for a Hudson's Bay Railway to be built without delay by the Dominion Government as a federal work for the benefit of Canada as a whole.

Mr. Haultain and the "Provincial Rights" declare for the "opening of negotiations with the other Western Provinces with a view to ascertaining under what conditions they could unite in the construction of a Hudson's Bay road. The Liberal policy is definite, and action by the Dominion is what the C.P.R. fears; the "Provincial Rights" policy is indefinite and does not trouble the C.P.R. the least little bit.

A leading Conservative of Alberta said to the Calgary correspondent of the Toronto World, Conservative, that the people of Alberta knew that the result meant either a C.P.R. or a G.T.P. victory.

The Conservatives of Alberta and the Provincial Rights party of Saskatchewan is one and the same thing; the C.P.R. in Alberta and the C.P.R. in Saskatchewan is one and the same thing.

The Conservatives successfully fought railway competition for Manitoba from the south for many years. Last session they lined up to a man to prevent Jim Hill entering Southern British Columbia. The Liberals let him in. One reason for C.P.R. opposition in Southern Alberta was to kill Jim Hill's entry via Selby Junction. One reason for C.P.R. opposition in Saskatchewan is to kill Hill's entry into Southern Saskatchewan from Mo-hall to Regina.

#### WHY IS THE C.P.R. ANTI-LIBERAL?

The C.P.R. wants no railway competition. Walter Scott and the Liberals got the Canadian Northern into the Northwest to compete, and are getting the Grand Trunk into all the chief centres in Saskatchewan to bring more competition. The C.P.R. in consequence oppose Scott and the Liberals,

#### THE C.P.R. LOVES "PROVINCIAL RIGHTS!"

Yes, with a mighty love! But the C.P.R. does not love Jim Hill of the Great Northern. The C.P.R. does not want the Hill system extended into Canada. The C.P.R. at Ottawa last summer fought tooth and nail to kill Hill's application to build into Southern British Columbia. Every Tory in Parliament (except one) obeyed the C.P.R. lobbyists and voted to kill Hill's application, regardless of the prayers of the whole B.C. people and the stand of every B.C. member of parliament. The Liberals carried the application and Hill is building the road. The C.P.R. is angry with the Liberals and is out with a sharp knife after Walter Scott.

## THE C.P.R. FOUGHT THE LIBERALS IN ALBERTA.

An Alberta Conservative paper just before the Alberta elections, asked: "Why is the C.P.R. moving heaven and earth and spending lashions of money to defeat the Liberals?" And it gave the answer—"For fear of Jim Hill who wants to enter Alberta, and the C.P.R. knows that the Liberals will encourage his road whereas the anti-Liberals would, as always, help the C.P.R. to keep Hill out."

## THE C.P.R. IS FIGHTING SCOTT IN SASKATCHEWAN.

Why? For the very same reason. Hill is going to build into Saskatchewan unless the anti-Liberals are put into office to aid the C.P.R. in the game of "Provincial Rights" to shut the Hill road out.

The C.P.R. knows, too, that Scott will never stop until he compels Laurier to provide a road to Hudson's Bay. Nothing would benefit Saskatchewan as much as

## A ROAD TO HUDSON'S BAY!

Walter Scott fought the C.P.R. monopoly five straight sessions in Parliament, helping to get the Grain Act, the Railway Commission, the Grand Trunk Pacific, the Canadian Northern, and many other measures all tending towards freedom and competition.

## ARE THE FARMERS GOING TO HELP THE C.P.R. TO THROW SCOTT DOWN?

What effect can your ballot have on the schools? Haultain has no intention of, and refuses to promise to change our school system. But will your ballot not have a great effect on your own welfare if it helps to elect Haultain and his C.P.R. party, who will delay the Grand Trunk if they can, who will shut out Hill's road, and who will see to it that no Hudson's Bay road is built?

## C.P.R. AND ALBERTA ELECTIONS.

An Alberta Conservative paper, one that was not under C.P.R. control, had the following to say on the eve of the Alberta elections:

"The reason for the rising sentiment against Bennett is easily explained. His attitude towards railway competition, the only thing that will make life

worth living in Calgary by reducing the cost of living, is unsatisfactory to the public. The voters are not fools by any means and each voter, individually, knows that the casting of his vote for Bennett will not elicit the slightest appreciation or gratitude from that gentleman. It is also dawning on them that Bennett's vague declaration in favor of railroad competition is the veriest puncombe.

"The C.P.R. people are in a regular panic over this agitation in favor of J. J. Hill building from the south into Calgary. They are scurrying to and fro like frightened sheep, moving heaven and earth and expending lashions of money to procure the election of the man whom they fancy will have ability enough to delay and throw obstacles in the way of the advent of Jim Hill. Don't you vote for that man.

"In this Alberta election there are no issues involving Conservative principles at all. Those who implore you to vote for Bennett are merely calling upon you to be loyal to the C.P.R. monopoly. Be loyal to yourselves and your families first.

"In casting your vote, think of your home, your family and your pocket-book. It is a duty you owe to yourself. If you don't look out for your own interests, no one else will do so for you. You cannot afford to vote for Bennett this time. Mark that.

"Why this supreme effort on the part of the C.P.R. monopolists to secure the election of Conservatives? You remember it was the Conservatives in the Dominion Parliament who worked tooth and nail (unsuccessfully) to keep Hill from using a few miles of Canadian territory in British Columbia to avoid some engineering difficulties round a mountain. They are scared to death of Jim Hill.

"Ask yourselves: Would they be straining every nerve to get Bennett elected, if they thought for a moment that he would render assistance to their arch-enemy? Not on your life."

This from a Conservative paper published right on the spot is sufficient in itself to explode the contention that the C.P.R. is not interested in the result in Saskatchewan to-day.

Electors, do not be deceived by any fake Provincial Rights cry... The real issue in Saskatchewan is Railway Competition vs. C.P.R. Monopoly. Vote for the Scott Government, more railways and active competition.

# Vote for Scott and More Railways